

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (original): A system for establishing a level of security in a personal computer having a memory and a stored operating system, the system comprising:  
a securing security profile generated when the system is turned on and reflecting features including the number of unsuccessful power-on password attempts and at least one other factor chosen from time of day, day of week and security level of authorization of the user; and allowing or denying use of the personal computer to the user based on the security profile.

Claim 2 (original): A system for providing security in a personal computer including the elements of Claim 1 wherein the security profile includes a log of the access attempts for the personal computer and the results of each attempt.

Claim 3 (amended): A system of the type described in Claim 2 wherein the security profile can be altered to a less secure state only by a system owner through the use of a password different than the password of a normal user.

Claim 4 (original): A system of the type described in Claim 3 for improving security of a personal computer wherein the security profile can be altered to a more secure state by a normal user.

Claim 5 (original): A system for providing computer security including the elements set forth in Claim 4 where the security profile includes a plurality of binary indicators have a more secure

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state and a less secure state, and a normal user of the computer system may change at least one of the binary indicators from a less secure state to a more secure state.

Claim 6 (original): A system for providing computer security including the elements set forth in Claim 5 wherein a user with a security password may change at least one of the binary indicators from a more secure state to a less secure state.

Claim 7 (amended): A method of providing improved security in a personal computer having an operating system and a security profile stored in memory, the steps of the method comprising: generating a security profile with indications of greater or lesser security when the personal computer is turned on, wherein the security profile reflects features including the number of unsuccessful power-on password attempts and at least one other factor chosen from time of day, day of week and security level of authorization of the user and storing the security profile in the personal computer;

using the security profile to determine what access, if any, a normal user will be permitted to have to the computer system; and

allowing the normal user to change the security profile from a level of lesser security to a level of greater security but denying the normal user to change the security profile from a level of greater security to a level of lesser security.

Claim 8 (original): A method for providing security in a personal computer including the steps of Claim 7 and further including the step of allowing a privileged user with a security password to change the security profile from a level of greater security to a level of lesser security.

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Claim 9 (original): A method of providing security in a personal computer including the steps of Claim 8 and further including the step of updating the security profile in response to a security risk.

Claim 10 (original): A method of providing security in a personal computer including the steps of Claim 9 and further including the step of responding to an attempt to open a cover of the personal computer and indicating the security risk associated with the attempt to open the cover in the security profile.

Claim 11 (cancelled)